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SUBJ: SOMALI DELEGATION TO IMF/WORLD BANK ANNUAL MEETING

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AS REQUESTED IN REF, EMBASSY OBTAINED THE FOLLOWING
INFORMATION FROM AHMED NUR, THE DIRECTOR GENERAL OF FINANCE
OF THE SOMALI DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC.

A. THE SOMALI DELEGATION'S PRIMARY OBJECTIVE/
PROPOSAL WILL BE AN INCREASE IN FUNDS ALLOCATION TO
SOMALI PRECIPITATED BY COST OVERRUNS AND PRICE
ESCALATIONS THAT HAVE SERIOUSLY HAMPERED PROJECTS
PRESENTLY UNDERWAY IN SOMALIA.

B. AND C. ALTHOUGH THE SOMALI DELEGATION PRESENTLY
HAS NO SPECIFIC MAJOR ISSUES TO RAISE WITH TUE U.S.
DELEGATION, AHMED DID MENTION THAT A MEETING BETWEEN
THE TWO DELEGATIONS WOULD BE QUITE TIMELY DUE TO THE
RECENT CHANGE IN RELATIONS BETWEEN THE U.S. AND THE
SDR BROUGHT ON BY THE EXPULSION OF THE SOVIETS. PER
REF, EMBASSY ECONOMIC OFFICER EXPLAINED TO AHMED THE
POSSIBILITY THAT SUCH A MEETING COULD NOT BE ARRANGED
DUE TO THE VERY TIGHT SCHEDULE OF ALL USG OFFICIALS
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DURING THE MEETING.

D. AHMED SAID THERE WERE NO OTHER BILATERAL ISSUES
THAT THE U.S. DELEGATION SHOULD BE AWARE OF EXCEPT
THAT THE SDR WAS PRESENTLY CONFERRING WITH REPRESENT-
ATIVES FROM THE EEC AND JAPAN ON INCREASED BILATERAL
AID FROM THESE AREAS. (COMMENT: EMBASSY ECONOMIC

OFFICER TOOK THESE REMARKS AS A REQUEST FOR THE US
TO ENCOURAGE OTHER WESTERN COUNTRIES TO INCREASE
THEIR ECONOMIC AID TO THE SDR.)

E. AHMED SAID THE EXACT COMPOSITION OF THE SOMALI
DELEGATION WOULD NOT BE ESTABLISHED UNTIL EARLY
SEPTEMBER. HOWEVER, HE SAID THAT EITHER THE MINISTER
OF FINANCE MOHAMED YUSUF WEIRAH OR THE CHAIRMAN OF
THE CONOMIC COMMITTEE AHMED MOHAMUD WOULD HEAD THE
DELEGATION, AND THAT THE GOVERNOR OF THE CENTRAL BANK
MOHAMUD JAMA WOULD BE INCLUDED. AHMED SAID THAT HE,
HIMSELF, WOULD BE THE ALTERNATE IF WEIRAH COULD NOT
ATTEND.
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